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TO: Medicaid Providers

SUBJECT: Clarification of Early and Periodic Screening, Diagnosis, and Treatment (EPSDT) Billing and Reimbursement Policies

EPSDT, through periodic medical screenings, provides comprehensive and preventive health services to Medicaid-eligible children from birth to age 21. The Preventive Medicine Services Evaluation and Management (E&M) Current Procedural Terminology Codes (CPT) 99381 through 99385 and 99391 through 99395 are used for the screening package. This package includes:

- A comprehensive health and developmental history, including assessment of both physical and mental health development
- Identification of the appropriate immunizations according to age and health history (does not include administration)
- A comprehensive unclothed physical examination
- Health education, including anticipatory guidance
- Vision, Hearing, and Dental screenings

Immunization administration, topical fluoride varnish, laboratory tests, blood level assessments, age-limited screenings, and elective tests are covered separately utilizing the appropriate CPT code(s), and billed according to the periodicity schedule outlined in the Physicians, Laboratories, and Other Medical Professionals manual.

If you have any questions concerning this bulletin, please contact your Program Manager at (803) 898-2660. Thank you for your continued support and participation in the South Carolina Medicaid Program.

/s/

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